IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 14 OF 2005

IN

WRIT PETITION NO. 85 OF 2005

MR.DOMINGOS BARRETO,MARGAO GOA. ....Petitioner

Versus

MARGAO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND 4 ORS., ...Respondents

Mr.S.D. Lotlikar, Senior Advocate with Ms. K. Sambari, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Shri S.D. Padiyar, Advocate for the Respondent No.1.

Coram:- D. D. SINHA &
N. A. BRITTO, JJ.

Date:- 29th November, 2005

P.C.:

The petitioner moved the Contempt Petition for taking action against the respondent No.1/Chief Officer for disobedience of the Order dated 18th March, 2005 passed by this Court whereby the respondent No.1 was directed to hear the petitioner, respondent Nos.2, 3, 4 and 5 in the Writ Petition No.85/05 and was further directed to decide the matter within a period of four weeks from 18.3.05.

2. Shri Lotlikar, the learned Senior Counsel states that the above directions have not been complied by the respondent No.1 and therefore prayed that contempt proceedings be initiated against the respondent no.1.

3. The learned counsel for respondent No.1/Chief Officer tenders

apology for not complying with the directions within the stipulated period and assured this Court that the aforesaid directions shall be complied within a period of four weeks and seeks time on this count.

4. In the backdrop of the above referred facts, respondent No.1 in our view ought to have complied with the directions referred to hereinabove within the stipulated period. However, since the apology is tendered by the learned counsel for the respondent No.1, we accept the apology and grant further four weeks time to comply with the directions issued by this Court by way of last chance. Since we have already granted time for complying with the above referred directions issued by this Court, the contempt petition is premature at this stage and is disposed of accordingly.

D. D. SINHA, J.

N. A. BRITTO, J.

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